

**LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL/CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS
NATIONAL STUDENT/PARENT MOCK ELECTION
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002**



BALLOTS NOT BULLETS...

The National Student/Parent Mock Election is the largest voter education project in the country. It is designed to teach students and their parents about the voting process and the benefits of civic participation by involving them in realistic simulations all aspects of the electoral process.

The program instructs students about the electoral process, promotes discussion on key issues in national campaigns, and prepares them to take part in the Mock Election. Students learn how to become educated voters. Over 500,000 Louisiana students participated in both the 1996 and 2000 mock programs. We look forward to helping Louisiana students understand the **POWER** of the vote and how to make an informed voting decision.

The Mock Election is a nonpartisan project. *All of its curriculum and services are provided to schools free of charge.*

Mock Elections...

- are valuable teaching tools.
- increase understanding of the electoral process.
- encourage everyone to get involved.
- make active citizen participation a habit that starts early and lasts a lifetime.

2002 Program Timeline

August-September: The Mock Election is open to all K-12 teachers and their students in each school through the state. Participating schools **MUST** designate a school coordinator and registration can be accepted by fax or mail by September 15. After registration, the school coordinator will receive for each teacher registered a free Mock Election Teacher's Guide containing lesson plans, classroom activities, and projects to help educate students on the candidates, the issues, and the importance of voting. All lesson plans and activities will reflect relevant standards and benchmarks. Materials will be available at www.sec.state.la.us after September 30.

September-October: Mock Election ballots and instruction procedures mailed to all registrants.

October: Voting -- options include: **on-site voting, October 1-31; Roaming Precinct -- October 1-31; classroom voting, October 14-25.**